Coatesville, Pa., Oct. 11, 1879.

The Presbytery of Chester, in session, at Kennett Square, Pa., on Wednesday, October 8th, 1879, adopted the following resolution:

"Resolved, That Mrs Wm. McCullough, of West Chester, and Mrs Thomas McCauley, of Chester, be appointed the Woman's Home Missionary Committee of this Presbytery, to be auxiliary to the Woman's Synodical Committee and the Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions in New York; and That the Stated Clerk inform these persons of their appointment, and also the Committee in New York."

Attest—

James Roberts, Stated Clerk.

Pusley & Chester —
Rev James Roberts —
Appt. of Sym. Com. —
and 10.11/79 —

~~Chest~~ Dent of Phila

Chester – Mrs Thos. McCauley – Chester
Mrs Wm McCullough – W. Chester
Miss Mag S. Knowles Glenolden –

Lacka – Miss M. G. Park Pittstown
Miss Wells Wilkesbarre
Mrs J. C. Platt. Scranton

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Lehigh – Mrs W. C. Cattell – Easton
Mrs R. M. Wallace Stroudsburgh
Mrs S. M. Knipe – Del. Water Gap

Phila – Mrs J. B. Dunn Phila.
" Mrs. John Wanamaker. "
Mrs H. S. Dickson "

Central – Mrs Matthew Newkirk, Phila
Mrs Matthew Baird, 814 N. Broad St
Miss Emma L. Burnett 1114 Mt Vernon

Phila North, Miss Lizzie Marshall. Van Pelt, Ave
Mrs Robert W. Martin Germantown
Mrs Ed. P. Cowan "

Westminster Mrs John H. Small, York
Mrs C. W. Stewart, Coleraine
Mrs – Robert Gamble. Woodbine

Monday a. m.
Synod of Phila.

Dear Dr. Kendall.

I succeeded in getting a resolution passed by

Synod of Pennsylvania, - Presbytery of Allegheny 1882

Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions, 23 Centre Street, New York City, N. Y.
P. O. Box 1938.

Mrs. M. E. BOYD, Treas'r.

REPORT

W. H. M. S. of the Presbyteries of Alleg. & Pgh

TO THE

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FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH ~~March~~ April 1 ***188 2***

Synod Pennsylvania

Presbytery Allegheny

Church

P. O. Address 22 Dr. Pittsburg

Officers—

President Mrs J. H. Bryan 164 Robinson Ave Alleg

Vice-President Mrs. Rev. J. L. Fulton Pittsburg

Secretary Mrs D. P. Hardison

Treasurer Miss M. D. Stewart 101 Sandusky St. Alleg

Number of Members Presbyterial Attendance about 35 Aug. 200

" *Meetings held* 6

" *Public Meetings* 1 (Annual) 120 00

Amount of Money Raised $19.45 Utah — Sanford Mem. $202.20 37.50 $212.25 10

How Appropriated Miss Sheds — Sitka — Deaf mute — Lake Presbyterial Exp.

Value of "Boxes" made $19.23 — $38.35 of which was by this

Where sent

To whom

Collected in Mite-Boxes 12.50 of above Cash

Number of copies of "Presbyterian Home Missionary" taken 10 reported

Items of interest as to methods of work, etc. (*Use other side of leaf.*)

Over

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Our Allegheny Presby-Soc. Organized
early of last year & held monthly meet-
ings of great interest - (except July & Aug.) The
last, it was thought best to hold our Annual
Meeting & hence our reports are made up to
to-day. This gives us but a part of a
year to report and our treasurer so that
we are starting somewhat better prepared
next report. The 8th Presbyterian
Organized and united with us about our
Annual Meeting and hence sends no
report for this year. Thus our forces
are doubled and we hope our efficiency
doubled by Union.

The report is as full as we could
procure through some of our Aux. did
not report ~~before~~ until too late for our
Records.

Hoping I may have such favor
again next year I am Sincerely yours

(Mrs) S. P. Harbison
22 St
Pittsburgh

Synod of Pennsylvania, Presbytery of Blairsville. 1882

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Synod of Pennsylvania

Presbytery " Blairsville

Church " Johnstown

P. O. Address Johnstown Cambria Co Pa

Officers—

President Miss Mollie Purse.

Vice-President Miss Emile Sheridan.

Secretary " Sallie J. Duncan

Treasurer " D. E. Layton.

Number of Members 80

" *Meetings held* monthly

" *Public Meetings* annually

Amount of Money Raised 43

How Appropriated $25 to Alaska. 18 to Gen. Fund.

Value of "Boxes" made $70 1 box.

Where sent Prince Ga

To whom Rev Solomon King

Collected in Mite-Boxes $ 5

Number of copies of "Presbyterian Home Missionary" taken 22

Items of interest as to methods of work, etc. (*Use other side of leaf.*)

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"We have no seperate organization in our ch. for Home Missions, but have from its first organization (5 yrs) been laboring for both and feel that the cause is one. This is the first time we have undertaken to fill a box and are well pleased with the Experiment. Hope to do better another year, be beginning sooner, and so to make the work more efficient. We felt rather proud of our first box, as the articles of clothing and material sent were all new and good, and our friends who received our donations, were so thankful & well pleased, and all who assisted in the work, were made happy in the feeling that it is more blessed to give, than to receive. We are trying to create a more intelligent interest in Home Missions, by circulating the Magazine, and think it a good plan."

March 31st 1883

Huntingdon Presbytery

4th Annual Rpt to F. A. Dyer—

Sec. W. Syne Com. Synod of

Penn.

Money - $781.16

Boxes - 664.16

Total -- $1445.32

Rev. Wm Davis Sen.

This Society is not incorporated

or known as in the Statistical Rpt.

of the Davis Presbyterian Church

but is more definite-

ly known as the Synodical Soc.

in Dec. 21 Pine St.

There have

been sent out to churches in the

Rpt - But one has raised

in Mite-Boxes which sent

in 20 ors $59.76 - Nor

does the Rpt. state that all the

Mite-Boxes have been sent - F. A. Dyer.

March 31
1883

Presbytery of Carlisle
Rep. W. W. for Home Missions
'82-'83

Chs. Employed in the work 37
Societies — — — 21
Members — — — 727
Meetings — — — 153
Public Mtgs — — — 10
Copies P. H. M. taken — 257
Money Collected in Mite Boxes — 568.

Increase over Last Year
Churches — — — 6
Societies — — — 7
Members — — — 71
Meetings — — — 5
Pub. Mtgs — — — 5
Mite Box Collections $ 50.

33 Soc's. Cont'd in Money $ 2756.64
Dues & Exes & Pkgs. &c. 1259.46
$4016.10
Decrease in Value of Boxes $281.09
Total increase over last Year $873.62

Mrs. Wm Wick Sec. Harrisburg

Carlisle
1883

Wilkinsburg, Nov. 12th, 1878.

Dear Mrs. Beaumont:

I send you a Report of the Pine Creek & Shousville Pres. Society. Please note the date in Feb. and the time has been too short to do the work justice. We have labored to use the material that has reached us.

I would suggest the necessity of sending the Blanks earlier - not later than the first of January so that they can be filled and returned before our biennial meeting in Feb.

Yours in haste
R. G. Johnston

Address Mrs. R. G. Johnston
Witherspoon
Shreveport La.

March 6th 1883

Having just rec'd this report I desire to reply. We have no Home Missionary Society connected with our Church but we pay a contribution to the regular Board for Home Missions as we are required, this Church is small and very poor and we are trying to repair the Church building at present which encroaches all our strength but if you will send us a form for organizing as a Constitution or something of the kind we will try & do what we can in organizing a Society for Home Missions

Yours in the Work

Mrs Miriam Sweet

Monroeton

Bradford Co Pa

Synod of Pennsylvania, – Presbytery of Lackawanna, 1883.

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FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 188

Synod .....

Presbytery .....

Church .....

P. O. Address .....

Officers—

President .....

Vice-President .....

Secretary .....

Treasurer .....

Number of Members .....

" *Meetings held* .....

" *Public Meetings* .....

Amount of Money Raised .....

How Appropriated .....

Value of "Boxes" made .....

Where sent .....

To whom .....

Collected in Mite-Boxes .....

Number of copies of "Presbyterian Home Missionary" taken 11

Items of interest as to methods of work, etc. (*Use other side of leaf.*)

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Synod of Pennsylvania, — Presbytery of Northumberland, 1883,

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Synod .....

Presbytery .....

Church .....

P. O. Address .....

Officers—

President .....

Vice-President Mrs Lora Bull.

Secretary .....

Treasurer " .....

Number of Members 50.

" *Meetings held* 3.

" *Public Meetings* .....

Amount of Money Raised $133.50

How Appropriated Park College, $20.00, Two Years, $40.00

Value of "Boxes" made $82.11 Box 6.3

Where sent Rev. [illegible] Park Col. Mo.

To whom Rev. E. A. Fisher.

Collected in Mite-Boxes $133.50

Number of copies of "Presbyterian Home Missionary" taken 21

Items of interest as to methods of work, etc. (*Use other side of leaf.*)

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Synod of Pennsylvania, — Presbytery of Philadelphia, 1883.

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FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 31 1883

Synod .....

Presbytery of Philadelphia

Church Bethany Pres.

P. O. Address 319 South 17th St.

Officers—

President None

Vice-Presidents Mrs John Wanamaker Mrs Brown

Secretary Mrs Mount

Treasurer Miss Helen Brown

Number of Members .....

" *Meetings held* .....

" *Public Meetings* .....

Amount of Money Raised $300 - paid in Sept Oct 1882

How Appropriated Teacher in Ogden City, Utah

Value of "Boxes" made $435 —

Where sent Rev John V. Grunwald - Tekamah, Nebraska

To whom .....

Collected in Mite-Boxes .....

Number of copies of "Presbyterian Home Missionary" taken 8.

Items of interest as to methods of work, etc. (Use other side of leaf.)

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Synod of Pennsylvania, - Presbytery of Redstone, 1883.

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REPORT

TO THE

Woman's Synodical Committee of Home Missions of .....

FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 188 3

Synod Pennsylvania

Presbytery Redstone

Church .....

P. O. Address Rev. H. Pierce Gaston
Mayville, N. Y.

Officers—

President .....

Vice-President .....

Secretary .....

Treasurer .....

Number of Members .....

" Meetings held .....

" Public Meetings .....

Amount of Money Raised $30.41

How Appropriated .....

Value of "Boxes" made .....

Where sent .....

To whom .....

Collected in Mite-Boxes $2.01

Number of copies of "Presbyterian Home Missionary" taken 1

Items of interest as to methods of work, etc. (Use other side of leaf.)

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Synod of Pennsylvania, — Presbytery of Shenango, 1883.

Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions, 23 Centre Street, New York City, N. Y.
P. O. Box 1938.

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FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 1883

Synod Penn
Presbytery of Shenangos
Church 1st Church New Castle Pa
P. O. Address
Officers—
President Mrs J. A. Crawford,
Vice-President Mrs Dr John McKinley
Secretary Mrs Lizzie Rhodes
Treasurer Mrs K. K. Peebles
Number of Members 25
" Meetings held just newly organized, but
" Public Meetings from the congregation
Amount of Money Raised by Mite Boxes, S. S. $ 10,96.
How Appropriated Lydia Band, in money " 15 00
Value of "Boxes" made Christmas Box $10 00, for Miss
Where sent Pearce American fork, Utah, Penn Conf —
To whom Boy & Pkge, to Mulvane Kansas, $5 50
Collected in Mite-Boxes
Number of copies of "Presbyterian Home Missionary" taken 20
Items of interest as to methods of work, etc. (*Use other side of leaf.*)

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Synod of Pennsylvania, — Presbytery of West Virginia. 1883.

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REPORT

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Woman's Synodical Committee of Home Missions of .....

FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH ... 188.

Synod ...

Presbytery ...

Church ...

P. O. Address ...

Officers—

President ...

Vice-President ...

Secretary ...

Treasurer ...

Number of Members ...

" Meetings held ...

" Public Meetings ...

Amount of Money Raised ...

How Appropriated ...

Value of "Boxes" made ...

Where sent ...

To whom ...

Collected in Mite-Boxes ...

Number of copies of "Presbyterian Home Missionary" taken ...

Items of interest as to methods of work, etc. (Use other side of leaf.)

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March 31st 1883

West Va. Pres'y
(Miss Lida Henry - Syn'l Com.)

Churches reported:-
Winfield, Pinkneyville
Ripley, Graftown,
Pt. Pleasant. (Charleston.
Not organized - no Report.)
Members - - - - - - 86
Meetings - - - - 46
Money raised - - - 55.31
Coll. in Mite Boxes 8.09
(Do not know whether
this is a part of the
55.31. F. A. Dyer)

Miss Henry writes that the Sent Out Blanks next day after they were rec'd - but cannot get Replies - The Sess of several Presb's who have not Reported -
I have not been notified of any Pres'l Org'n within this Pres. F. A. Dyer

Erie 1883

REPORT

TO THE

Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions,

23 Centre St., New York, P. O. Box 1938.

FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st *188*3

Synod Pennsylvania.

Presbytery Erie.

Church First Presbyterian.

P O. Address Warren, Warren Co., Penna.

Officers—

President Mrs. J. P. Cobham.

Vice-President Carrie Wetmore.

Secretary Berta L. Thomas.

Treasurer Lucie A Clark.

Number of Members Thirty three (33)

" *Meetings held* Thirty one (31)

" *Public Meetings* Two (2)

Amount of Money Raised $10.8.19

How Appropriated Parkville and Scotia Seminaries.

Value of "Boxes" made One box valued at $50.45

Where sent Parkville Seminary.

To whom Mrs. J. A. McAfee.

Collected in Mite-Boxes

Number of copies of "Presbyterian Home Missions" taken

Items of interest as to methods of work, etc. (*Use other side of leaf.*)

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23 Centre St., New York, P. O. Box 1938.

FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 188

Synod Pennsylvania

Presbytery Ed

Church [illegible]

P. O. Address [illegible]

Officers—

President [illegible]

Vice-President [illegible]

Secretary [illegible]

Treasurer [illegible]

Number of Members [illegible]

" *Meetings held* 154 [illegible]

" *Public Meetings* [illegible]

Amount of Money Raised $100 [illegible]

How Appropriated [illegible]

Value of "Boxes" made $205.26 - $40.16 [illegible]

Where sent [illegible]

To whom Rev Daniel Russ [illegible]

Collected in Mite-Boxes .....

Number of copies of "Presbyterian Home Missions" taken 32

Items of interest as to methods of work, etc. (*Use other side of leaf.*)

12 pair [illegible]

12 " [illegible]

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REPORT

TO THE

Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions,

23 Centre St., New York, P. O. Box 1938.

FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1883

Synod Pennsylvania

Presbytery Huntingdon

Church Port Royal (formerly Perrysville) Sept. 30. 1872

P. O. Address Port Royal Juniata Co. Pa.

Officers—

President Mrs. Rev. David Wilson

Vice-President Mrs. Rev. R. F. Wilson & Mrs. J.

Secretary Mrs. Wm. J. McCulloch assistant Miss Jennie M. Wilson

Treasurer Miss Maggie Wharton

Number of Members all females in congregation

" *Meetings held* 7

" *Public Meetings* none

Amount of Money Raised $38.84 sent $45.50 Box sent - total 44.34

How Appropriated sent to Miss M. E. Boyd as special Rec'd.

Value of "Boxes" made none

Where sent ——

To whom ——

Collected in Mite-Boxes not gathered in as only 6 months are past - to commence a year

Number of copies of "Presbyterian Home Missions" taken 25

Items of interest as to methods of work, etc. (*Use other side of leaf.*)

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FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 16th ***1883***

Synod ~~Harrisburg~~ Pennsylvania

Presbytery Huntingdon

Church 2nd

P. O. Address Altoona Blair Co

Officers—

President Mrs S M. Woodcock

Vice-President Mrs E. M. Stores

Secretary Mrs H. B. Miller

Treasurer Mrs L. C. Boggs

Number of Members Forty

" Meetings held Four

" Public Meetings None

Amount of Money Raised Ninety Five Dollars

How Appropriated $25.40 to the Genrial Fund, — See other side

Value of "Boxes" made ———

Where sent ———

To whom ———

Collected in Mite-Boxes ———

Number of copies of "Presbyterian Home Missions" taken 6

Items of interest as to methods of work, etc. (*Use other side of leaf.*)

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The balance of our contribution for the year which is $9.60, we purpose giving to help educate a young boy named Denton B. Kelly of Silman City Utah, He is 14 years old and said to be a very bright intelligent boy, He is at present a pupil of Miss Craig of Silman City and she is very desirous of seeing him reach a collegiate course, and we accordingly have decided to assist her in this noble work We trust that the effort made in giving this promissory boy a chance in the world will be appreciated by the Father in heaven and that he will greatly bless us in the undertaking.

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FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 188

Synod Pennsylvania

Presbytery .....

Church .....

P. O. Address .....

Officers—

President .....

Vice-President .....

Secretary .....

Treasurer .....

Number of Members Twelve.

" *Meetings held* Four.

" *Public Meetings* .....

Amount of Money Raised $2.80

How Appropriated .....

Value of "Boxes" made .....

Where sent .....

To whom .....

Collected in Mite-Boxes .....

Number of copies of "Presbyterian Home Missions" taken .....

Items of interest as to methods of work, etc. (Use other side of leaf.)

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FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 12, 1883.

Synod Pennsylvania

Presbytery Huntingdon

Church First Presbyterian Altoona.

P O. Address Altoona - Blair Co. Pa.

Officers—

President Mrs. S. R. Barclay.

Vice-Presidents Mrs. Katie Book & Mrs. Julia Custer.

Secretary Miss Lizzie Beck.

Treasurer " Mary Adams.

Number of Members 54

" Meetings held 11

" Public Meetings 0

Amount of Money Raised $143.39

How Appropriated Not in any way yet, see other side

Value of "Boxes" made 0

Where sent 0

To whom 0

Collected in Mite-Boxes 0

Number of copies of "Presbyterian Home Missions" taken 19

Items of interest as to methods of work, etc. (*Use other side of leaf.*)

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Since this report was made, It has been decided to send the whole amount to the General Fund.

1883-Pennsylvania

Financial Report of Blairsville Pres. for Home & Pittsburg Missions

Churches			How Appropriated
Blairsville,	Amt. Money raised,	$50,53,	Gar. Mem. Chapel, & H. M.
Fairfield	" " "	" 25.00.	Brand Church. Mich.
"	Value of Box	50,00	To Rev. P. L. Davies, Midland, Mich.
Latrobe	Amt. Money raised	25,84	To H. Board
"	Value of Box	82.00	To Rev. Small Riley, Kansas.
Irwin	Amt. Money raised	32,75	To H. Board
"	Proceeds of Mite-Boxes	28,25	
Armagh	Money raised	5.00	Gar. Mem. Chapel, Utah.
Murrysville	Money raised	30,00.	Scholarship Salt Lake, Utah
"	Val. in Mite-Boxes	4.50	
New-Salem	Money raised	48.00	To a Home Missionary,
Poke Run	Amt. Money raised	21,05	To H. Board.
Braddock	Amt. Money raised	$80.00	For Indian & Norman Child
"	Value of Box	56.15	To Mrs. M.E. McCurdy, Utah
"	Proceeds of Mite-Boxes	33.50	
Cross-Roads	Money raised	37,00	H. Board,
Greensburg,	Amt raised	180,00	For Sch. Albuquerque N.M. $80,00
Proceeds of Mite-Boxes		50.00	" Organ St-George Utah $50,00
Value of Box		15.00	To Rev. J. B. Currens. Parkes, Da.
		$831,57	
Helena Band		37,50	
		869,07	Whole Amt. for B. Pres —

Blanks were sent to all the Churches in the Pres. but 11 reported as doing anything for H. M. Some of the Churches that reported last year as working for H. M. sent no rep in this year shall - General others included this Sab. for H. M.
So that the increase for the Pres. is $131,07

It is to be regretted that so few Comparatively of our Churches in B. Pres. do anything for F. M. Should perusal of the Churches Home Report - In the Presbyterian Church 17 Copies of "Pres. Home Missions" are taken — The Dennis Church takes 5 Copies, & Fairfield Ch. 1 Copy — 23 in all, that is taken in B. Pres.

Kittanning Presbytery
March 27, 1883.

Blairsville
March 1883

Brackenridge Male & Female Society			
Brackenridge White Boys	$33.50	for Freedmen	
Boy Raised	56.00	" "	
For Tuition of Freedmen Asst.		Cost	$30.00
Benkal Boy Raised	115.00	Asst. Sec. J. H. Carpenter, Pres. Pres. Gave Fees.	
Brackenridge Male & Female Society		Cost	45.41
Cross Roads M. Society		"	4.00
Brackenridge Male & Female Society			
Derry " "			
Ebensburg " "			
Plainfield " "			
Greensburg M. Board		"	75.00
Superintendent Montgomery Asst.		"	30.00
Helena Board. 20 Supt. Board Preacher			9.00
Harrison City Male Society			
Penn, Boy Raised.		M. & Ch. Legacy Fund	4.57
		Asst. Legacy	24.40
Johnstown Boy Raised.		75.00 Cash	25.00
Sent to - Alaska M. B.		"	18.00
Irwin Male Society.			
Salem M. Board.		"	52.00
New Salem. Sup. Rev. Evans			60.00
Sent M. Board		"	75.00
Park College Boy Raised.	25.00	Cost to same	25.00
Church in Harrisville Houses.		"	15.00
New Salem Board of Co-unity		"	40.00
Murrysville. To support Asst.		Cost	30.00
or Collegiate Institute Salt Lake		White Boy for same	1.20
Board		" "	9.00
General fund M. Board			42.50
White boy for same			1.22

New Ale	
Pine Run	
Parnassus	
Trinity	
Penn Circ	
Adelaide	
Armagh,	
Benkal,	
Braddock,	
Blairsville,	
Cross Roads,	
New Salem,	
Congruity, Pa	
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Greensburg,	
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Parnassus.	

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for same			9.00
" "			42.50
			1.22

Woman's

Report of the Executive Committee of Home Missions
of the Presbytery of Philadelphia,
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	Number of Members.	Mission Bands.	Public Meetings.	Amount of Money raised.	How Appropriated.	Value of Boxes sent.	Where Sent.	To whom.	Collected in Mite Boxes.	Number of Years Missionary Taken
Churches										
Clinton Street Memorial.	35	15	5	$118 Missionary Letter, $42. Balance not appropriated.		$246,00	Lake City, Minn. Delaware Mills Col.	Rev. Mr. Kaple. Rev. Mr. Kaple.	$8.	15.
Woodland		4	1	90. Materials for bxs.		$199.16.	Aberdeen Brown County Dakota.	Rev. Henry B. Johnston.		
Second Church	local Society formed, but no report sent.									
Tabernacle Church.	local Society formed, but no report sent.									
Calvary	30	20		$30. Boxes of clothing.		$130.00	Casselton Dakota Sedalia. Fayetteville, Ark. Waterloo, Missouri. Philadelphia. Jerusalem Tenn. Avalon Missouri Unitia. Tenn. Edgerton. Ohio. Kyleduan. Penn. Marion Dakota.	Rev. E. J. Thompson. Rev. M. Brauer. Rev. Mr. Riale. Rev. J. L. Perkins. Rev. Jno. Lake Carpenter. Rev. Mr. Moore. Rev. Mr. Reed. Rev. Mr. Mathews. Rev. Mr. Jameson. Rev. Mr. Thomson. Rev. Mr. Swett.		
Walnut Street.	40	10		$480. Salary of Missionaries. $41 Boxes of clothing.		$1071.00				24
Totals	105	49	6	$480		$2646.16			$18,00	39

Presbytery of Philadelphia

Totals - in Report for Beaver Presbyterian endeavor

	Whole Membership	No. Prayer Meetings held	Pub. Meetings	Amount of money raised	Amount of value reported in Boxes	Col. in Mite-Boxes	No. of Presbyterians in Missionary Societies
Chester Pres. reporting Churches 1/8	405	147	2	$ 261.85	$ 680,70	25,00	104
Sheraugo - Churches reporting 1	25			15,00	65,00	10,96	20
Bleairsville Churches reporting 1	80	12	1	43,00	75,00	5,00	22
Westminster Churches reporting 10	326	112	7	2156.62	869.87	34,50	103
Philadelphia Churches reporting 4	105	49	6	480,00	2646.16	18,00	39
Phil. Central Churches reporting 8	112	66	2	219.91	2473,10		85
Phil. North Churches reporting 9	133	39	2	102,00	443,00	36.30	33
Clarion Churches reporting 8	140	70	4	376.45	22.00	3.02	28
Butler Churches reporting 26	452	218	14	498.38	3,00	69,51	50
Totals Whole No. of Churches 85	1778	713	38	$ 4153,21	$ 7279,83	$ 202,29	484

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Blairsville 175

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Blairsville Pa

Butler

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Butler Pa

Carlisle 300

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Jefferson Co

Erie 300

I cant say - I get no response -

Mrs Wetmore Perhaps!

Huntingdon 350

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Kittanning 250

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BY

Mrs. KATE P. BRYAN, Chairman.

The more we study God's word, the more we love to compare our times, lives and history with that of the Israelites. To-day will you read with me a part of the thirty-fifth chapter of Exodus: it will be easy to see how we may take home to ourselves some lessons from the experience of God's people.

The call is from Jehovah to Israel through Moses, his chosen servant, for offerings from whosoever is of a "*willing* heart."

But the first called to give seem to be only the rich Hebrews. For we read in the 5th verse and on: "Take ye from among you an offering unto the Lord; whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the Lord: gold and silver and brass, and blue and purple and scarlet and fine linen and goats' hair, and raw skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and shittim wood, and oil for the light, and spices for anointing oil, and for the sweet incense, and onyx stones, and stones to be set for the ephod, and for the breast-plate." Costly gifts these were!—only to be offered by the wealthy!

But even these would be useless to Moses, if they were not made up according to the Lord's direction. And who skilful enough for such an undertaking? So now the Great Leader calls for "every *wise hearted* among you to come and make all that the Lord hath commanded; the tabernacle, his tent and his covering, his taches and his boards, his bars, his pillars and his sockets, the ark and the staves thereof, with the mercy-seat and the vail of the covering, the table and his staves, and all his vessels, and the shew bread, the candlestick also for the light, and his furniture, and his lamps, with the oil for the light, and the incense altar, and his staves, and the anointing oil, and the sweet incense, and the hanging for the door at the entering in of the tabernacle, the altar of burnt-offering, with his brazen gate, his staves, and all his vessels, the laver and his foot, the hangings of the court, his pillars and their sockets and the hanging for the door of the court." We can see the extent of this work and how only skilful workmen were needed to manufacture these costly gifts of the rich into a tabernacle and its furniture for God—as He himself had designed and ordered it to be made.

But all need not be equally skilful, for Moses now (v. 18) calls for some to come and "make the *pins* of the tabernacle, the pins of the court and their cords." Thus giving to each pious Israelite an opportunity to do something for his God.

The response to these commands is given in verse 21, "And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and everyone whom his spirit made willing, and they brought the Lord's offering to the work of the tabernacle of the congregation, and for all his service and for the holy garments, And they came, both men and women, as many as were willing hearted and brought bracelets and ear-rings and rings and tablets, all jewels of gold; and every man that offered, offered an offering of gold unto the Lord· And every man with whom was found blue and purple and scarlet and fine linen and goats' hair, and red skins of rams and badgers' skins brought them. Everyone that did offer an offering of silver and brass brought the Lord's offering; and every man with whom was found shittim wood, for any work of the service, brought it."

Even in those days there was *special* work for women, for we may suppose their skilful fingers prepared and embroidered (v. 19) "the cloths of service, the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons to minister in the priest's office." And they did more, for we read (vs. 25, 26) that "all the women that were wise-hearted did spin with their hands, and brought that which they had spun, both of blue and of purple and of scarlet and of fine linen, and all the women whose heart stirred them up in wisdom spun goats' hair." How often we have used these verses as an inspiration and example as we devised and executed suitable plans for increasing the revenue of the treasury of the Lord's house.

All obeyed the call to give and to work; there was no difference; all came alike; the rulers brought their wealth; perhaps the poor man had no gift, and could only come and *make* "the pins," which work was as acceptable to God as the precious stones and skins of the prince's donation. Both were given in *obedience* to the divine command. "To obey is better than sacrifice." In this same connection do not fail to notice how often the word "willing" is used. God only asked the *willing* for these gifts—and how many willing-hearted there must have been in those days. Isn't it restful to you to read how many gave so "*willingly?*"

Notice, if you please, how every one of these gifts is called by the inspired writer, "the *Lord's* offering." And how God himself promised to fill Bezaleel and Aholiab with the "Spirit of God in wisdom and in understanding and in knowledge and in all manner of workmanship, and to devise curious works, to work in gold and in silver and in brass, and in the cutting of stones to set them, and in the carving of wood to make any manner of cunning work." Only be sure your work is for God and *done* for his glory, and you need not be afraid to ask for the Spirit of wisdom to teach you to execute the humblest or the most important undertaking.

Now look with me into the New Testament and see what is taught us in the dispensation of our Lord Jesus Christ upon this subject. For in 12th of Romans, 6-8, we read, "Having then gifts differing according

to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; or ministry, let us wait on our ministering; or he that teacheth, on teaching; or he that exhorteth, on exhortation; he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness."

And again, in 1 Cor. 12: 4, "Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit, vs. 8, 9, 10, for to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another, the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; to another, faith by the same Spirit; to another, the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; to another, the working of miracles; to another, prophecy; to another, discerning of spirits; to another, divers kinds of tongues; to another, the interpretation of tongues." Our blessed Master knows each one of us individually and knows what work we can do the best, how we can best glorify Him. The connection between the chapter from Exodus and these verses Paul wrote to the Romans and Corinthians seems to me to be so striking—so direct—I need not delay you to enlarge on it further. How good God is to give us all through the Bible line and precept, example and exhortation.

Suppose one of the Jewish rulers had said, "I cannot give up my beautiful things at this call? How shall I furnish my home, how dress myself in accordance with my position in society? What will the world think if I appear without purple and scarlet, onyx stones and jewels? How can I give so much valuable oil when I need it to light my own dwelling, yea, more, to provide food for my family. There is much expected of me among my friends. I must not disappoint them." Or suppose the men and women who gave so willingly had said, "How can we give our bracelects, ear-rings, rings and tablets, our jewels of gold, our goats' hair and badgers' skins. Let the rulers, the princes give all. We can't afford to give onyx stones and scarlet and purple, so we will give nothing. We need the little we have to strive to shine in society. Some day we may reach a ruler's place, then we'll give." If such had been the answers of the rulers, the princes and the rich men and women in Israel, there would have been no material provided for the Lord's dwelling place.

But if provided, there would have been no one to use these valuable gifts, if instead of the wise-hearted willingly offering themselves to prepare them for service, they had said, "No, we will not build the tabernacle and appurtenances, because that is only *work;* we have no skins or jewels to *give*, and it is nothing just to build the tabernacle and make its furniture." Or, on the other hand, these wise-hearted might have said, "Ours is the heaviest part—the work is enormous and we will be broken down before it is half accomplished. We cannot undertake such a work"! Then, so far as the Israelites were concerned there would have been no earthly tabernacle erected wherein Israel's God would delight to dwell. And if those who were told to make the "*pins* of the

tabernacle, the *pins* of the court and their *cords*" had said, "No, these are such little things to make. No one will see them. They will be out of sight. We'll get no credit for them on the books of the Lord's treasurer. We will wait until we can give some beautiful jewel for the priest's robe and breast-plate, or until we can work as well as wise-hearted Bezaleel"! Ah, then! the gifts of the willing rich, and the labors of the men whom God fitted for this work would have been all useless without those very "pins"—those "cords" which were needed to hold all together, and which certain Israelites were called to make; unless indeed, some other more consecrated ones had willingly offered themselves for the humble but important work.

And the women could have said, "We have our homes, our children to attend to. We are busy spinning and embroidering our own robes, our own tent hangings; we must decorate our houses; must prepare many dainties for our own appetite; we have no time for God's work; let the men attend to it; Moses and the princes are always calling for gifts; always devising work for us, and we are so busy we cannot obey"! Then indeed, we doubt not God's work would have been done, but Jewish women would not have been honored by a special mention of their skilful labors in the inspired record of Moses.

But the Hebrews were not of this kind; or the sacred writer lovingly throws a vail over those who refused to help on the work. All gave and worked willingly and habitually. For you remember that several times when the people were called to give after this, so liberal were their offerings that the rulers and leaders had to bid them stay from bringing more gifts. Will the Christian Church ever arrive at that degree of liberality?

Do we not in our day often hear just such expressions as these, and see the withholding of the means to carry on the Lord's work by those who are called by God to help build up, not a tabernacle for Him only, but His kingdom?

How often the rich Christian lives in so costly a style that he needs all his money for himself and his family? Those with smaller incomes are striving to overtake and imitate the rich. While we who have but little, feel we must live in comfort, and it takes all we have to spend upon ourselves. So from one and another of every class come the words, "we cannot give to the Lord *now*." Then do not the skilled in work, in art, the talented writer, the gifted speaker, the sweet singer frequently decline to use their talents for the Lord, and say they have no money to give, and it looks so little just to paint or speak, to sew or to sing for Him. Do we not often hold back because we are not willing to do *the* work given us? Sometimes a prominent place is offered us. Sometimes a place of less importance. We shrink from both because alas! we are not entirely consecrated to God; not ready to be something or nothing as He chooses.

We who have no wealth, no distinguished talent, and our number is

large, think we do well when we bring up the rear of this army of excuse makers for not obeying God's command—for not doing His work. We are apt to say, if we cannot give great things, we will give nothing. If we cannot build the tabernacle itself, we will not make the "pins and cords." What can my dollar do towards the conversion of the world? What good will my little piece of fancy work do? My hesitating prayer, my effort to teach a Sabbath School Class, or lead a Mission Band? No, let me alone till I can bring scarlet and purple, onyx stones and bracelets, and then I'll give willingly. Wait till I can lead as well as some others, then I'll take my part.

Or, to use Paul's lessons, we cannot all do the same things; to one is given one talent, to another a different power. One child God calls to labor for Him in a public way, another He leads into quiet places. One is called to rule, another to serve. Some to go as missionaries, others to stay at home and work for the cause here.

Suggested by this subject, but not just flowing from it, I may say God calls the same child to different duties. Now, He says, "Go speak or teach." Then soon the order comes, "Go nurse that sick one." "Go lie down on that bed and glorify me *there*." Now he says to one, "Glorify me in prosperity," and ere many days that same believer is called to praise God in the furnace on Dura's plains. Do you know what blessed Fenelon calls this obedience? "Suppleness of will." He says, "We must learn to *speak* bravely, *then* to be silenced; to bear praise, *then* blame. We must be forgotten by others, *then* brought into notice. We must be exalted, *then* brought low. We must learn to be condemned when the word we may not speak would at once justify us; and at another time we must say that which is good of ourselves."

But to return, Paul says, if "called to rule, rule with diligence; if to ministry or service, let us wait on (or be occupied with) our ministering." The word here used imports any kind of service from preaching to attending to temporal matters. And, dear friends, is not this work of ministering the most blessed of all of our duties: even without the rewards that come from the proper appreciation by others of our self-denial and unselfishness. For the disciple should be as his Lord, and has it not been the stay of many of your ministering hours that your Master "came not to be ministered unto, but to minister unto others." Only let us follow our Leader!

Each worker here has met with some who do not grasp Paul's idea of the many members of one body, with different functions but all of them necessary to the formation, preservation and usefulness of the perfect man, but all in different ways. I rejoice that we as members of this Committee have been enabled through this year to work together for God, each one trying to do the duty He designated; and I delight to say that there has been no jarring, no wounding word, no censure of each other, no desire for pre-eminence, so far as I have learned. To God be the glory, for this has been all of His grace.

Perhaps there has been too much of what we thought was *humility* in some of us, too much shrinking back from work the Master Himself seemed to lay before us. May I quote from Fenelon again, when he says, "He who is truly humble suffers himself to be led unresistingly. He believes that God can make what he pleases of him, as He might out of the merest nothing. There is far more real humility in giving oneself up to do whatever God may please, than in opposing His designs under the pretext of being unworthy. He who prefers a low position to a higher one by his own choice, is not truly humble, though he may desire to be so. True humility consists in seeing all our unworthiness, and yet yielding ourselves up to God, nothing doubting that He can do great things in us."

Some of you here present know that I speak now out of the experience of my own recent life, and especially of that of the last year, when a voice too loud for me to refuse to hear, called me as the Chairman of this Committee. Called to duties new and unknown; the call being accepted with an overwhelming sense of personal unfitness. Well may I at the close of this first year use the prayer we often hear from the pulpit: "What has been mine, forgive; what has been Thine, own and bless for Jesus' sake."

If all the pious Israelites had felt that they were ONLY called to make the pins and cords, there would have been no splendid material provided, no skilled talent offered to build the tabernacle and the *pins* would have been useless. Do you not see the beautiful harmony and fitness of God's arrangement for the promotion of His cause? For the carrying on of His work? True, you may not feel that you can do the greater work as well as you can the lesser. But if only God calls, then go on day by day in His strength, doing the most important work, because you hear His voice and rely on His promises.

Grasping for place and power I have not found to be a fault of Presbyterian women here or elsewhere. How we enjoy a meeting when we go only to listen! I have never heard harsh criticism or the feeling expressed that indicated a desire for a leader's place. But dear sisters, some *have* to lead! Perhaps *you* and *you* are the very ones God is now calling to come out and take the charge of your Society in Church or Presbytery. Be willing to be or to do whatever God chooses in this work. To lead or to follow.

I delight to say that there are among us many willing workers in every kind of work and many who have offered willingly of their substance to the Lord. Our rich ones have given their hundreds and thousands—our less wealthy have given their fifties and tens—aye, and their bracelets and jewels too. How many have given with glad hearts their smaller offerings—many a time with much self-denial. Our wise-hearted have worked skilfully and devised ways for interesting the young and raising needed funds. Many of us have been so glad to give and to make if only "the pins and the cords" of this beautiful temple! Some have come to our

meetings with sweet voices to sing for Jesus—with tender, trembling words to plead with Jesus. Some have given their time and labor and thought in a leaflet concerning the work and the way to do it, for free circulation; while others have sold their needle and art work and brought the proceeds to help roll on the chariot of our King. May we not believe all has been done, all given "willingly," with "willing hearts," because God called (1) by example, as in our lesson; (2) by providence, as in the demands of the day; and (3) by precept; for Paul says, "Give not grudgingly or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver." True, I must utter the familiar—ever to be repeated plaint, "Sin is mingled with all we have done—all we have given;" but then we still have the blessed atoning Lamb, and through His blood we may believe all sin has been washed away and our offerings have been accepted. Only let us do all for His glory, out of love to Him and to our brethren and fellow men, only let us lean on Him, look to Him and the Master Himself will say to the humblest one, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, ye have done it unto me." "Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

But what of those who do not help on this work? If they are busy in other fields, bid them God-speed; but if they are doing nothing for the salvation of our world, go to them and tell them of the blessed call from God to them—a call not through a Moses, but through us women, who know by experience the joy there is in this work. For has it not been a delight to bring what we "have spun—the work of our hands"—the effort of mind and body, the silver and gold, the dollars and pennies as willing offerings unto the "Lord, every woman whose heart made them willing to bring for all manner of work which the Lord has commanded."

Can we not adopt as our language at the close of the year, the words of David in his last act of public prayer and worship?

"Now, therefore; our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name. But who am I, and what is my people that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee. For we are strangers before thee, and sojourners, as were all our fathers: our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding. O Lord our God, all this store that we have prepared to build thee an house for thine holy name, cometh of thine hand, and is all thine own. I know also, my God, that thou triest the heart, and hast pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of mine heart I have willingly offered all these things: and now have I seen with joy thy people, which are present here, to offer willingly unto thee."—1 Chron. 29: 13-17.

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Annual Report of the Corresponding Secretary,

Miss F. A. Dyer.

On Thursday afternoon, October 19th, 1882, the reconstructed Synod of Pennsylvania held its first meeting in the Market Square Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg, Pa.

At this meeting seventy-five ladies, representing the twenty-two Presbyteries of the Synod, were appointed a Synodical Committee to have in charge the interests of Woman's Home Missionary work within the bounds of their respective Presbyteries.

In accordance with the action of Synod, Rev. T. H. Robinson, D. D., Stated Clerk, issued a Circular, recommending that the above named Committee meet at Carlisle, in connection with the meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Presbytery of Carlisle, on the 8th and 9th of November, 1882, "That plans and methods of work throughout the State might be considered."

A great company came together from the recently consolidated Synods of Erie, Harrisburg, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh; and, from the Synod of New York, Mrs. Haines, abundant in love and good works in the cause of Home Missions. During the six years of our organized work, Mrs. Haines, as Corresponding Secretary of the Executive Committee, has given to it her best energies of "body, soul and spirit." She has traveled hundreds of miles, not sparing herself by night as well as by day, that our annual and other meetings might receive aid and instruction from her wise and gentle counsel.

Rev. Wilson Phraner, D. D., from Sing Sing, N. Y., delivered a popular address on Wednesday evening. Major J. D. Miles, the Indian Agent, and Capt. R. Pratt, of the Indian School, gave short addresses, the latter presenting to the audience a party of Navajo boys, recently placed in the school by the Board of Home Missions.

It may be proper to refresh our minds at this point with the fact that during General Grant's administration, in apportioning various Indian tribes to the different Christian Churches for education, the large tribe of Navajo Indians was one given to the Presbyterian Church.

The picture of these wild, uncivilized Indians in blankets and moccasins, with the hideous war-paint and feathers, added to the dark word-pictures of the different speakers, brought its own lesson of the pressing needs which had brought us together in convention. And on Thursday morning we came up to the more direct business of the meeting, under the solemn conviction that a mighty purpose cleared the way to lay upon God's altar our very best offerings.

We did not feel that there was any place for a "lean or ill-favored" gift, and many a woman in the new, great Synod of the Keystone State, brought her best, and breathed the incense of approval and blessing which, in a marked manner, fell upon our first Synodical meeting.

On Thursday evening, while an open meeting was being held in the church, addressed by Mrs. Haines, Mrs. C. E. Walker, Dr. Norcross and others, the members of Synodical Committee met, and organized, electing

Mrs. S. S. Bryan, of Allegheny, *Chairman;*
Mrs. Thos. McCauley, of Chester, *Vice Chairman:*
Miss F. A. Dyer, of Covington, *Corresponding Secretary;*
Miss E. S. Dickey, of Philadelphia, *Recording Secretary.*

We have lingered *purposely* over the inaugural of our united Synodical work, because we *know* that the "golden sceptre" of our King was held out in welcome to his children, and since his blessing was upon our *beginning*, we would encourage all hearts to trust *unfalteringly* that he will lead us in our work to the end.

Of the twenty-two Presbyteries in the Synod of Pennsylvania, two only, Erie and Lackawanna, remain unorganized in the Home work, although many of their auxiliaries send contributions through the Executive Committee in New York. Erie is looking toward immediate organization. A large number of letters received from Lackawanna in response to the blanks sent out in February show a few auxiliaries. Many churches express interest in the work and desire for organization as soon as practicable, while others see *no place* for this important branch of our Church benevolence.

Nine Presbyteries were organized, or were systematically contributing by auxiliaries *before* October 18, 1882.

Of the eleven remaining, three were organized in October, Mrs. McCauley in the chair, Mrs. Walker assisting; all of which meetings are reported as of signal interest. The remaining eight have been organized since the first meeting of the Synodical Committee. Carlisle in connection with the Synodical meeting, by Mrs. Norcross; Washington and Clarion by Mrs. Bryan, in February and September; Philadelphia North in March; Westminster in February, by Mrs. McCauley, and Mrs. Bailey of Harrisburg; Northumberland, by Miss Dyer, at Danville, February 26; Lehigh, by Mrs. McCauley, September 26; and Huntingdon, at Altoona, October 11, Mrs. Haines and Mrs. Walker assisting.

The work is comparatively new. In some cases Presbyterial Secretaries do not quite grasp their duty. Many reports have been sent *directly* to New York, others have been unsatisfactory to Presbyterial Secretaries, through failure on the part of auxiliary secretaries; while a *few* reports are full and complete. In consideration of these facts, we have thought it best to place every Presbytery upon the same basis, therefore the statistics to which you will listen to-day are those taken from the *Presbyte-*

Erie Presbytery, though unorganized is largely interested in Home work. On the 19th of September the Women's Auxiliary held its Decennial meeting. Its President, Mrs. Judge Wetmore, is a member of Synod's Committee. The "thank-offerings" of this single auxiliary amounted to $538.68, a large proportion of which goes to the Home Treasury. In the President's address "each member was made to feel that *she* was the one needed for carrying on the work. The sewing member, the praying member, the singing member, the one to whom God has given wealth and influence, the one to whom the society is indebted for spicy, well-written articles—each one in her place—not *one* could be spared."

Also, the President of the Presbyterial Society showed the inconsistency of trying to keep even with the Lord by giving ice-cream festivals, oyster suppers, and other entertainments, so-called, for carrying on His work, who hath said, 'The gold and the silver are *mine*' and 'the cattle upon a thousand hills.'"

I have repeated these facts because they fall with force upon many another auxiliary than that to which they were addressed.

May we not, dear sisters, emphasize this encouragement to individual effort in all our societies, and lift the warning not to withhold from God that which is his due, but to give systematically—conscientiously—as God has prospered us.

Huntingdon has an active, energetic Synodical Committee and has done noble work. Of one auxiliary the secretary writes: "Hollidaysburg is the banner missionary church of the Presbytery, supporting five Home Missionary Societies; a boy's club; a young girl's society, from fifteen to twenty; a band of little girls from ten to twelve; and a Sunday School class of young ladies and gentlemen."

Northumberland has organized three auxiliaries during the year. The meeting for Presbyterial organization in February, at Danville, was interesting and well attended. Dr. Jackson gave a stirring address on Woman's Work for Home Missions before the ladies in the afternoon, and a lecture of thrilling interest to a large audience in the evening.

The Presbyteries of Philadelphia, Philadelphia Central and Philadelphia North are doing most excellent work. They are thoroughly aroused, and public meetings of singular interest have been held in them during the year.

Mrs. MacIntosh of the Walnut street church writes: "I know Home Missions has taken a hold here never before felt."

The Chairman of Synodical Committee in the same church refers to a *joint* meeting held by the ladies in June, at which time they were addressed by the Chairman of our meeting to-day. This lady also speaks of a meeting held in March, 1883, which was addressed by Dr. Jackson and which resulted in the resolution of the three Presbyteries of Philadelphia to build a school house for the Papago Indians in Arizona. $1,700 were

pledged, and very soon a minister will go to Arizona and take the mission in charge.

Of Shenango, Washington, Wellsboro', West Virginia and Westminster we bring the record of faithful service and regular contributions, with increase in auxiliaries in West Virginia and Westminster, but have received no account of special meetings held, or work done.

While we regret that the Presbyterial reports, as a whole, have not enabled us to give definite statistics as to the number of auxiliaries, membership, public meetings held, etc., yet, in the language of our Recording Secretary, "We must be patient, remembering that *some* are doing this work for the first time and will be able to do better another year."

The series of conventions, the special public meetings here and there, the annual Presbyterial meetings, the monthly auxiliary gatherings, often presided over by timid and shrinking women who could never undertake this work except that the love of Christ constrained them; *all these* are *written down* in His book who takes note of and *rewards* even the cup of cold water given in the name of a disciple.

O for the illumination of Christ's love! O for a flash of heavenly light from the very face of the *waiting* Jesus, filling the weakest, most self-distrustful soul with a sanctified courage—with a holy boldness which shall say, "Here am I, Lord! *What* wilt thou have me to do for thee?"

With *such* an inquiry, thus born in the hearts of the 88,000 women of the Synod of Pennsylvania, the kindling rays of the light of the wisdom and knowledge of God would flash upon our work, and, being really and truly dedicated in soul and spirit to the high trust committed to us, we should not be left to do so much as we now do in our own poor and worldly wisdom, we should not be compelled to use so much precious time in our meetings in the discussion of "plans and methods of work;" but we should come to realize that God revealed a significant and blessed *truth* when he bade the prophet Isaiah to proclaim to the world that the child born—the son given--should be called "Wonderful," "Counsellor!"

Verily, dear sisters, this heavenly Counsellor waits to lead us forth to larger, fuller, grander work than any of us have yet achieved. Under his leadership the weakest may say, I am strong.

Coming thus to our work under the pure impulse of love to Christ and faith in his pledges for power to become *really* his helpers, the doors of Alaska, New Mexico, Arizona and Utah will swing wider than ever before. We shall behold their needs as *so* pressing that we shall feel that we have not a day to lose! God helps us to "rise to our best altitudes."

Let us go home to plead for the circulation of the *Presbyterian Home Missionary* in all our societies and churches, and thus become God's messengers for laying before the people the astounding facts and appeals that crowd those pages from month to month! "The great want in this work," writes the Recording Secretary from Philadelphia, "is *Information!* What shall we do to give it more abundantly, and in a shape that people will receive it?"

We urge, also, the distribution of mite-boxes. Mrs. Rice of the Shenango Presbytery distributed one hundred mite-boxes in *two* Sunday schools, which returned to her the handsome sum of $85.00. Five such Sunday schools would nearly pay the salary of a teacher, would make "enlargements and improvements in buildings" at three different points in Utah where $150 are required; would erect a new building for $200, asked for in New Mexico; would furnish the $400 asked for at *one* of the two points in Arizona. Members of Synodical and Presbyterial Committees could so easily impress young ladies into this service of thus interesting the children. In so many and in such very simple ways may the treasury of the Lord be *bountifully* increased and the gospel be preached through our gifts, though our feet may never press, nor our voices be heard upon heathen ground. The sum of $30,000 is asked for from the women of the Synod of Pennsylvania for the year 1883–1884.

Are we able, dear sisters, to meet this demand?

With the heart of faith I hear the loyal response, "Yea, Lord, we are able."

The Woman's Synodical Committee of Pennsylvania met at Carlisle in large Numbers on the 8th & 9th of November. Under the old plan there were four Synods represented, but now condensed in one under a new Constitution. The afternoon of Wednesday was occupied in a visit to the Indian school, and an inspiration was given which was a fitting prelude to the work about to be entered into by the New Com. Wed. evening an address was made by Rev Dr. Shraer of Sing Sing in the place of Dr H. C. Roberts who was unable to be present.

Capt Pratt of the Indian School brought a number of the Navajoes fresh from their forest homes to the meeting & told the audience some interesting things. Major Miles Government agent for the Quakers &c. gave some telling Statements of the needs of the work.

Thursday Morning, after devotional exercises led by Miss Dyer, the Meeting was addressed by Mrs

Walker of Colorado & Miss Robertson
whose parents were for years
Missionaries to the Creek Indians.
Their earnest words were in behalf
of the work in Utah & among the
Creeks.
A Presbyterial Soc of Carlisle was
organized & a new constitution
adopted for the ~~New~~ Synod of
New Syn. Com.
Home Miss. work has rec'd
a fresh impetus from the doings
of the last two days, for it
was not only conducted on busi-
ness principles but attended with
much prayer.
The hospitalities of the people
of Carlisle were abundantly
proved by their hospitable
reception & generous lunch pro-
vided at the [redacted] Ch. on Thursday.
Rev Dr Burrows, Pastor of the
2nd Ch - & Rev Jas Jones cordially
endorsed by their presence & help
the action of this Syn. Com.

Report of Quartermaster
at Carlisle.

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Auxiliary Presidents

Dyer

TO THE PRESIDENT

OF THE

Home Mission Society,

OF THE

_____ *Church,*

Dear _____

The Woman's Synodical Committee Pennsylvania are impressed with the need of thorough organization in our State, that greater interest may be aroused in that part of the work committed to women by the General Assembly, viz.: sending teachers and providing schools for the exceptional classes in our land. Perhaps many churches are uninterested because uninformed; perhaps some loving, anxious ones hold back lest they might be called to take a prominent position. We desire to aid whenever help is needed. For this purpose we have commissioned Miss F. A. Dyer as our messenger to the churches. She goes out in behalf of Home Mission work, and with the approval of the Woman's Executive Committee, at No. 23 Centre Street, New York.

We request the churches of your Presbytery and section of the State to make such arrangements as will enable Miss Dyer to meet with as many of them as desire her presence.

Please consult with your Pastor and ask his co-operation. By corresponding with the President of your Presbyterial Society, you can so plan a series of meetings in your vicinity as to greatly expedite the work.

Perhaps it may not be convenient to hold public meetings, but you may be glad to welcome MISS DYER into your homes, that you may hear the story of the needs of our land for the gospel. She is fully empowered to make her own arrangements, tarrying where desirable, or, if need be, hastening to another place.

Any collection taken up at these meetings should be sent to your Presbyterial Treasurer, with the request that she forward it *at once* to No. 23 Centre Street, New York, stating whence it came.

May I not, therefore, ask you to write immediately to the President of your Presbyterial Society, who has MISS DYER'S address, and will make any arrangement that may best suit your church.

Very sincerely yours,

KATE P. BRYAN,

Chairman Woman's Synodical Committee on Home Missions.

Please address—

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*President of Woman's Home Mission Society of the Presbytery of*_____

Whereas, We, the women interested in raising funds for carrying on the work committed to the care of the W. C. T. U. Home. Situated at 280 Broadway N. Y. are greatly embarrassed & distressed by the frequent complaints & threatened actions, that money contributed for a special object is not promptly paid over to that object: & that months after Societies have raised the necessary funds - the given object is still - Calling for aid.

Whereas, We feel that the Secretaries & Treasurers of our Funds are honorable Christian Men - overburdened with their work & unable to accomplish

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seen, even - for a time.

Sous-Lieutenant

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To the Honorable Senate, and House of Representatives, of the United States Congress,

Out of love for our country, we, the undersigned, women of the Presbyterian Synod of Pennsylvania, do hereby most earnestly petition you to work against the admission of Utah as a State, so long as the Mormon priesthood retains control of the local civil power, of that Territory, and the Mormon people, and their leaders refuse obedience to the present laws of the land against polygamy.